

National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Listed below are local events that are being held throughout the month of May in observance of National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Program, Thursday, May 5, 2011, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building Auditorium, First Floor, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The keynote speaker will be Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce. Hula and Tahitian Drum Dances will be performed by the Hawaiian Entertainment Company. For additional information, please contact Laura Tronge, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Commerce at ltronge@doc.gov.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Family Day Celebration, Saturday, May 7, 2011, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Smithsonian National Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, First Floor, Washington, DC. Enjoy art projects, films, create family story books, chopsticks games, create clay fortune cookies, curator discussions, and more. The closest Metro station is Federal Triangle or Smithsonian. For event details, visit [Asian Heritage Month Family Day](#)

For a complete listing of events sponsored by the Smithsonian in celebration of National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, visit [Smithsonian Asian Pacific Heritage Month Events](#)

2011 National Asian Heritage Festival, Sunday, May 8, 2011, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., National Zoo, 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, Metro stations Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan or Cleveland Park. Enjoy cultural performances by children and interactive activities.

Fiesta Asia National Festival, Saturday, May 21, 2011, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Pennsylvania Avenue, between 3rd & 6th St., NW, Washington, DC, Metro stations National Archives/Navy Memorial and Judiciary Square. Participants of all ages will enjoy a showcase of Asian Pacific art and cultural performances, interactive activities, cooking demonstrations, crafts, and more. For more information, visit [Asia Heritage Foundation](#).

Celebrate Hawaii Festival, Saturday, May 21, 2011, 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., National Museum of the American Indian, Potomac Atrium, First Level, Fourth Street & Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC. This event will feature a celebration and discussion of Hawaiian arts and cultural traditions, native dances, short films, and cooking demonstrations. For more information, call 202-633-1000 or visit [American Indian Museum](#).

Picnic and Hike at Great Falls Park, Sunday May 22, 2011, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Great Falls Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA. In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, enjoy a leisurely scenic hike in the park. Appetizers and meal are included in the ticket price (\$30.00 if purchased by Friday, May 6). For details visit <http://www.netsap.org> or call 202-686-5990.

NASA HQ 2011 Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month Program, Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 10:30 a.m., Wilbur J. Cohen Auditorium, 330 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC. The program will include keynote speaker Ginny Gong, President, GG Communications, as well as cultural dance performances. For information, contact Felicia Toney at 202-358-0366.